

Tuesday, October 29, 2015

7:00 p.m. – Signing of Bills 7:05 p.m. – Regular Meeting

A. Call meeting to order:**Attendance:****B. Minutes of last meeting: September 29, 2015****C. Communications:**

1. Request from First Central Baptist Church for the use of the Szot Park picnic area for a sunrise service and controlled fire on thanksgiving morning Nov 26, 2015 6:00am – 10:00am.
2. Request by Chicopee Comprehensive High School Football Alumni to host a touch football game at Szetella or Szot depending upon times and dates. This is intended to be a fund raiser for the high school football program. Organizers would be responsible for costs associated with field lining, overtime of Parks staff if held inside Szot, and lighting costs.
Signed waivers and proof of health insurance could be required of participants.

D. Recreation Report

1. Adult leagues: Volleyball and Basketball.
2. Adult Programs: Fitness, Yoga, Aqua aerobics
3. Youth Sport Leagues/Teams & Youth Rec Leagues – Soccer & Basketball
4. Aquatics Programs: Swim Lessons, lap swim, open swim and aqua aerobics
5. Women's basketball fall league
6. Safety – CPR, First Aid, Babysitting classes
7. Youth Soccer Clinic at Szot Park October 21. Great success.
8. Suburban Basketball – School of Choice students eligible to play in Chicopee Suburban Program.

E. Maintenance Report

1. Tasks Accomplished in Sept & October– Priorities: **1.** Diamonds turned over to remove grass and ready for winter. All diamonds have been addressed including an in-house skinning of Sarah Jane 60' . Tasks still striving to complete this fall: skin Bowie 60' and cut out 90" at Rivers. **2.** Repairs to cracks on Szot tennis Court and Fairview basketball court. **3.** Closing facilities for winter – removing water meters, closed water sprays, fountains, irrigation, cemetery hose bibs and bubblers first, then Comfort stations not used by High School teams.
2. Event support: Halloween Spooktacular Event and Tree Lighting
3. Ongoing: Converting mowing equipment to leaf pick-up equipment. Preparing some equipment for winter storage, Preparing other equipment for winter use. Equipment maintenance, Cemetery: pour foundations, Pick up trash at all parks 1-2x a week. Leaf and fallen stick removal, clearing fence lines
4. Parks Labor Force: 2 openings remain – (2) 5GL MEO posted. 2 seasonal employees to start

F. Old Business:

1. Wisniowski Park-Our Common Backyards Grant update. Phase II w/ CDBG funds. Application Submitted.
2. Update Szot Phase 2 & phase 3 –Gardner Construction on site installing accessible pathways. Review budget for Phase 3 – make recommendation.
3. Fairview Playground Project update – City Council vote on Nov 5th on appropriation request for project for \$29,157.15
4. Update Pool renovations for other pools & testing results. Met October 8 with Architects and on October 22 met with Mayor. Next steps finalize specifications for work at Rivers Pool
5. Chicopee Community Garden Council – Guidelines and application form for review
6. PARC Grant – Anticipate findings will be made available in Dec 2015.
7. Update Lincoln Grove Resource Center: Renovations on going – hand rails for back stairs, new back door panic bar exit, Buzzer doors into program areas. Program Manager position before city Council Nov 13, 2015
8. Rivers Park parking lot line painting – DONE
9. Other Old Business

G. New Business:

1. Single use winter pool Open Swim pass distributed at Halloween event allows 3 swimmers to come to a Sunday Open swim session.
2. Westover Industrial Gate Park under consideration for use as a memorial for Massachusetts Statewide casualties of the Iran/Iraq Gulf conflicts (OEF/OIF). Memorial, with parking lot and walking trails, and at other end a dog park and a young children's playscape. Dog Park could be designated with a memorial or monument to the role and service of Service Dogs both military and public safety.

H. Assistant Superintendent's Report

I. Meeting adjourned:

J. Next Meeting: _____